

ISAAC CARPENTER.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 383.]

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Mr. FENTON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the claim and papers relating thereto of Isaac Carpenter, of the State of New York, for an invalid pension, have had the same under consideration, and report:*

That the said Carpenter has received a pension, by act of Congress, since the tenth day of June, 1856, at the rate allowed a private in the army; whereas, it appears by the evidence now in the commissioner's office, from the records of the War Department and from the report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions, February 4, 1858, and on which a bill was passed granting him a private's pension, and which report we incorporate herein as a true statement of facts, that the said Isaac Carpenter received the appointment of ensign in the fortieth regiment United States infantry, the first of September, 1813; that he was promoted to the third lieutenancy on the 2d day of May, 1814, and continued in service until after peace.

The report alluded to is as follows: "That the petitioner was a soldier in the war of 1812, from September, 1813, until the spring of 1815, about eight months of which time he was an ensign, and the residue a lieutenant in the fortieth regiment United States infantry; that in the spring of 1814 he marched with a detachment of his regiment from Boston, Massachusetts, to Eastport, Maine, a distance of about five hundred miles in thirty days; that the march was through deep mud all the way, and storms most of the time; that on the last day but one he marched fourteen or sixteen miles knee-deep through snow, mud, and water, when, having fell and injured himself, he was seized with an attack of rheumatism and was sent on to Eastport in a schooner with some other invalids who were not able to proceed by land. He was there taken prisoner and released on his parole, and returned to his native town in Massachusetts sick with a fever. His physician's bills while there were paid by government.

"Since that time he has had fever and rheumatism, and been compelled to give up labor at his trade. For the last two years he has been wholly

unable to work in consequence of frequent attacks of these complaints. It is the opinion of the physicians and surgeons whom he has consulted, and whose affidavits to that effect are on file, that those diseases were fastened on his constitution by that severe march from Boston to Eastport. He is old, infirm, and unable to work; and now, after such protracted suffering for services rendered his country," that committee recommended that he be placed on the pension list, and they reported a bill for his relief; but, as stated above, for private's pay only. Your committee are of the opinion that he was entitled to a pension at the rates allowed by law for officers of his grade, and they therefore report a bill granting him the deficiency between a private's pay and such amount allowed officers of his grade, and placing his name on the pension lists for such officer's pay or pension during his natural life, and recommend its passage.